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2. The briefing on Vietnam/Cambodia and the ramifications for Soviet Union and China went very well. Both Arnold and Jim did a super job. It took ten minutes to do the plus a discussion of the import of a press report Brzezinski gave of the withdrawal of Soviet Bloc ambassadors from Bucharest, but we were five minutes over at that when the briefing ended. We stayed for another ten minutes which is indicative of the high interest in the subject. Brzezinski and others were very complimentary afterwards, in addition, on the usefulness of this kind of a session.

3. The principal lesson to be learned, however, is to reduce even further the proposed talking times so there is more opportunity for discussion and perhaps to try to turn the format into a little bit less formal status to encourage interruptions and discussion.

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